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LAWS

OF THE

MARINE SOCIETY,

AT

SALEM,

IN THE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS,

AS AMENDED AND AGREED UPON AT AN ADJOURNMENT, NOVEMBER 4, 1790.

TO WHICH ARE ANNEXED,

The several ACTS *of the* GENERAL COURT,

RELATING TO THE SOCIETY.

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LAWS, &c.

I.

THE Members of this Society shall consist of such persons who now are, or have been, masters or commanders of vessels: and also of such persons who now are, or have been, owners of vessels.

II.

THE Members of this Society, or so many of them as shall be at home, and not hindered by sickness or old age, shall meet, the last Thursday of every month throughout the year, at such house in Salem as the Society from time to time shall agree upon—at six o'clock, P. M. from the twenty-first day of September until the twenty-first day of March—and at seven o'clock, P. M. the rest of the year—and at all such other times of occasional meetings, which may be called by the Master, agreeable to a notification they may receive from the Clerk for that purpose hereafter provided.

III.

THE choice of Master, Deputy-Master, Treasurer and Clerk, shall be made on the last Thursday of October, annually, for the year ensuing; at which meeting, the Clerk and Treasurer for the

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the year then last past, shall exhibit to the Society, for their inspection, a statement of the accounts of the Society, in their respective offices, during the past year; in order that the Society may be acquainted with the circumstances of their funds, and the expenditure thereof; and likewise the amount of monies collected, of whom received, to what uses applied, and the names of such persons who may be delinquent, &c.

IV.

THE Master of the Society shall be Moderator at each meeting; in his absence, the Deputy-Master; the Treasurer, in the absence of both; and the oldest Member present, in the absence of all of them; and the Master for the time being shall have power to call occasional meetings, provided that six Members make application in writing for that purpose.

V.

NO person shall be admitted a Member of this Society, but at a monthly meeting; and not then, unless there be seven Members present, and that two thirds of the Members present are in favour of such admission. And the election for the choice of Officers, and the admission of new Members, shall be by ballot in the manner following:—After nomination, the Clerk shall distribute to each Member present, two slips of paper, the word Yea wrote on one of them, and the word Nay wrote on the other; each Member shall roll them up, and shall then declare his vote by giving to the Moderator

Moderator of the meeting such rolled paper as he shall think proper; and the Moderator, after having collected all the votes, shall unrol them in the presence of the Members; and unless there be found two thirds as many yeas as the number of Members present at such meeting, the person voted for is not chosen to the Office, or admitted as a new Member; and if duly elected, the Clerk shall give him notice thereof.

VI.

No person shall be admitted a Member of this Society, unless he pay, at the time of his entry, the sum of *Thirty Shillings*, lawful money; and that sum may be increased at the discretion of the Society, at every annual meeting, according to the nature and circumstances of the funds.

VII.

Each Member shall pay into the box, monthly, the sum of *Ninepence*, during the time he may belong to the Society; which payment, together with the sums paid by the admission of new Members, and whatever sums the Society may receive by donations (the principal of which shall not be expended at any time by the Society) shall remain a stock in the box as a fund, and the interest only be applied for the benevolent purpose herein after mentioned.

VIII.

The Clerk for the time being shall call on every absent Member, who may be absent six monthly meetings, for their monthly pay, if at home;

home; and keep a record of the same, to be shewn to the Society at their monthly meeting; and any Member of the Society, who shall absent himself eighteen monthly meetings successively, and neglects or refuses to pay his monthly assessments, during that time, when called upon by the Clerk for that purpose (unless by reason of poverty or misfortune he be excused therefrom) shall cease to be a member of the Society; and the Clerk shall make such person's neglect or refusal known to the Society, at their next succeeding monthly meeting, in order, if any see cause, that such person's name may be struck out of the list of Members.

IX.

NO Member shall be entitled to any relief out of the box, until he has been a Member of the Society for the space of one year, and conformed to the rules and regulations thereof.

X.

EVERY Member, his widow or children, who shall become proper objects of relief from the Society, shall apply in person, or some one in their behalf, to the Society, at any of their meetings, and set forth the nature of their case; that the Society may have time, until the next meeting, to consider of it; and then, if the Society are agreed that he or they ought to be relieved out of the box, he or they shall be immediately paid so much as the Society may vote. But in case the Society shall think the circumstances of the person applying require immediate attention, they may, upon

upon the application, without delay, grant such relief as they may judge necessary.

XI.

If any Member of the Society meet with any misfortune, so as to be reduced, on shore, by old age or sickness, or in any other way, he shall be entitled to such annual relief as the Society may think fit, after having been a Member seven years, and paying his dues to the Society.

XII.

No monies, belonging to the Society, shall be let at interest, but on good bond, and collateral security of land, under a good title, and without any incumbrance on it, at least of double the value of the sum let, and lying in this Commonwealth, in or as near the town of Salem as may be.

XIII.

That no Members of the Society shall, at any of their meetings, play, or promote the playing of cards, dice, or other gaming whatsoever, as it is probable the same may be of damage to themselves, or some other of the Society.

XIV.

That the Members of said Society shall and will avoid all quarrels, needless contentions and debates, that may tend to create animosity, or disturb the good order, peace, friendship and love, that each Member should and ought to bear to the other; and in case any one or more of the Society shall happen to quarrel, or begin a quarrel, there shall

shall be three at least, or more, of the Society chosen to consider of the same, and to lay such fines on him or them, whom they may find guilty, as not to exceed *Twenty Shillings*, lawful money, nor less than *Two*.

XV.

IF any Member of this Society shall commit any notorious crime, or be a common drunkard, a quarrelsome person, disturbing the peace and good order of the Society, or be guilty of any other vice, he shall be discharged from the Society by vote of a major part of the Members present at the annual meeting, and shall be excluded from any benefit of the box, unless he be reclaimed; and in such case he may be admitted into the Society again.

XVI.

THAT if any Member of this Society be guilty of profane swearing and cursing, or non-attendance of the monthly or any other meetings, he shall, for each of said offences, pay to the box *Two Shillings;* the fine to be increased or diminished, from time to time, as the Society may think proper.

XVII.

THAT each and every Member of this Society (in case of the decease of any Member or Members thereof at Salem) shall, on timely notice given to each of them from the Clerk, by a porter to be employed by said Clerk for that purpose, attend the funeral of such deceased Member or Members; and that each and every Member, neglecting

ing to attend, shall forfeit and pay, the succeeding night's meeting, *One Shilling* and *Four Pence*, lawful money, for the use of the box; and the charge of such porter shall be paid by the Society.

XVIII.

THAT every Member of this Society, upon his arrival from sea, in case he may have met with any extraordinary circumstances in his voyage, worthy of being communicated, shall communicate his observations relative thereto, in writing, to be examined and digested by the Committee appointed by the Society for that purpose, and lodged with the Clerk of said Society, in order to be recorded in the records of said Society.

XIX.

THAT the Clerk of the Society shall read over these laws distinctly to every new Member that shall be admitted into the Society, at their admission or first appearance in it, and as often at other times as the Society shall think proper.

LIST

LIST OF THE MEMBERS' NAMES,

AND THE TIME OF ENTRANCE.

N. B.—FROM 1766, TO INCLUSIVELY.

Those with this * mark are not living.
Those with this † mark have left the Society.

1	* THOMAS EDEN,	*March* 25, 1766.
2	* John Ropes,	do.
3	* Samuel Webb,	do.
4	* John Hathorne,	do.
5	† William Lilly,	do.
6	* Amos Mansfield,	do.
7	* Michael Driver,	do.
8	* Israel Obear,	do.
9	† Edmund Needham,	do.
10	* Robert Hale Ives,	do.
11	* Larkin Dodge,	do.
12	* William Bartlett,	do.
13	* Israel Lovit,	do.
14	* Joseph Lambert,	do.
15	Benjamin West,	do.
16	* Edmund Giles,	do.
17	* William Slewman,	do.
18	* Samuel Williams,	do.

Josiah

19	† Josiah Batchelder,	*April* 25, 1766.
20	* John Batten,	do.
21	* John Elkins,	*May* 25.
22	† George Crowninshield,	do.
23	* William Ward,	do.
24	* Edward Gibaut,	do.
25	† Joseph Lee,	do.
26	* Edward Allen,	do.
27	* Thomas Morong,	do.
28	* Samuel Grant,	do.
29	* Jacob Crowninshield,	*June* 25.
30	* Josiah Orne,	*July* 25.
31	* Ebenezer Ward, jun.	do.
32	* Daniel Hathorne,	*August* 25.
33	† John Derby,	do.
34	* Cabot Gerrish	do.
35	George Southward,	do.
36	* David Masury,	*September* 25.
37	* Nathaniel Knight,	*July* 25, 1767.
38	† John Archer,	do.
39	* John Berry,	*August* 25.
40	* George Smith,	*September* 25.
41	* Habakkuk Bowditch,	*October* 29.
42	* John Bowditch,	*November* 25.
43	* Jonathan Gardner,	*July* 28, 1768.
44	* Jonathan Webb,	*August* 25.
45	* John Fisk,	do.
46	† William Morgan,	*September* 29.
47	† Robert Alcock,	*October* 27.
48	* Jonathan Mason,	do.
49	* Stephen Cleveland,	do.
50	* Benjamin Warren,	*November* 24.

Thomas

51	* Thomas Frye,	*December* 29,	1768.
52	* Jonathan Lambert,	*March* 30,	1769.
53	* Henry Higginson,	*June* 28,	1770.
54	† George Cabot,	*March* 28,	1771.
55	† George Dodge, jun.	*June* 27.	
56	Peter Lander,	do.	
57	* William Carlton,	*July* 25.	
58	† John Buffinton,	*October* 31.	
59	* Daniel Conant,	*February* 27,	1772.
60	* Ebenezer Ellingwood,	*April* 30.	
61	* Stephen Mascol,	*December* 31.	
62	* James Buffinton,	*October* 28,	1775.
63	* William Williams,	do.	
64	† Benjamin Goodhue,	*October* 27,	1774.
65	† Jacob Ashton,	*November* 3.	
66	† Jonathan Ingersoll,	do.	
67	† George Orsborne,	*December* 29.	
68	† William Orne,	do.	
69	† Ichabod Nichols,	do.	
70	John Collins,	*November* 30,	1780.
71	* John Turner, jun.	do.	
72	Clifford Byrne,	do.	
73	* Francis Boardman,	do.	
74	Nathaniel West,	*December* 28.	
75	* Zechariah Burchmore,	do.	
76	* Nathaniel Brookhouse,	do.	
77	Simon Forrester,	*January* 25,	1781.
78	† Ephraim Emmerton,	*March* 29.	
79	† Samuel Croel	*April* 26.	
80	* William Patterson,	*November* 29.	
81	* William Ross,	do.	
82	* William Fairfield,	*December* 27.	

Simon

83	*	Simon Byrne,	*January* 31, 1782.
84	*	Jonathan Haraden,	*March* 28.
85	*	Thomas Benson,	do.
86	†	Benjamin Dean,	*April* 25.
87	*	John Revell,	*May* 30.
88	*	Samuel West,	do.
89	*	Francis Yates,	do.
90	*	Charles Hamilton,	*August* 29.
91	*	William Gray,	*September* 26.
92	*	Gideon Henfield,	*November* 27, 1783.
93	*	Hugh Smith,	*October* 27, 1785.
94		Joshua Ward,	*March* 30, 1791.
95	†	William Paine,	do.
96		William Orne,	*April* 28.
97		Benjamin Carpenter,	do.
98		Elias Hasket Derby, jun.	do.
99		Stephen Abbot, Esq.	do.
100	†	Jonathan Ingersoll,	do.
101		Jonathan Gardner,	*May* 26.
102		John Derby,	do.
103		Benjamin Pickman, Esq.	*June* 30.
104	†	Joseph Hiller, Esq.	do.
105		William Pickman, Esq.	do.
106	†	Samuel Derby,	*July* 28.
107	*	Samuel Ingersoll,	*August* 25.
108		Stephen Webb,	*September* 27.
109		Joseph Peabody,	*October* 30.
110		Thomas Bowditch,	*November* 24.
111	†	Samuel Robinson,	do.
112		William Ward,	do.
113	*	Joseph Cabot,	do.
114	†	Ebenezer Putnam,	do.

Nathan

115		Nathan Peirce,	*February* 28, 1792.
116	†	William Gray, jun.	*March* 29.
117		Daniel Saunders,	*June* 28.
118		Henry Elkins,	do.
119	†	Jonathan Waldo, Esq.	*August* 30.
120		William Stearns,	do.
121		Nathaniel Knight,	do.
122		John Jenks,	*September* 27.
123		John Osgood,	do.
124	†	Alexander Story,	do.
125		Thomas Chipman,	do.
126	*	Ebenezer B. Ward,	do.
127	*	Thomas Bowditch, jun.	*Oct.* 27.
128	†	John Page, Esq.	do.
129	†	Andrew Slewman,	*November* 29.
130	*	Winthrop Gray,	do.
131	†	Samuel C. Ward,	*December* 27.
132	†	Thomas Webb,	do.
133		Joseph Lambert,	*February* 28, 1793.
134	*	Francis Roche,	do.
135	*	Jonathan Radax,	do.
136		Benjamin Shillaber,	*March* 28.
137		Ezekiel Hersey Derby,	do.
138		Edward West,	*April* 28.
139	†	Benjamin Needham,	*May* 28.
140		Jerathmel Peirce,	do.
141	†	Benjamin Crowninshield,	*July* 30.
142		Benjamin Webb,	do.
143		William Ives,	do.
144		Edward Allen, jun.	do.
145		Ebenezer Shillaber,	*September* 26.
146	*	John Felt,	*October* 31.

Joseph

147 * Joseph Mosely, *October* 31, 1793.
148 * John Leach, *December* 25.
149 † John Pitman, do.
150 * Benjamin Tarrant, do.
151 Henry Prince, *January* 30, 1794.
152 Ichabod Nichols, do.
153 † George Smith, do.
154 Joseph Strout, do.
155 † John Saunders, Esq. do.
156 * Nathaniel Ropes, *February* 27.
157 Henry Saunders, *April* 24.
158 * Joseph Hosmer, do.
159 † Henry Gardner, *May* 30.
160 † Woodbridge Grafton, *July* 31.
161 * John Gibaut, *September* 25.
162 George Girdler Smith, do.
163 Joseph Sprague, jun. *October* 30.
164 † John Burchmore, *November* 27.
165 † Michael Webb, do.
166 * George Archer, *December* 25.
167 * Nehemiah Andrews, *January* 29, 1795.
168 * Jonathan Millet, *June* 25.
169 * William Patterson, do.
170 † Hardy Ropes, do.
171 † Francis B. Dennis, do.
172 † Benjamin Pickman, jun. do.
173 * Richard Gray, do.
174 * John Becket, *August* 27.
175 Andrew Haraden, do.
176 John Rust, *September* 29.
177 * Thomas Ashby, *November* 26.
178 Robert Emery, *February* 25, 1796.

Timothy

179		Timothy Wellman, jun.	*Feb.* 25, 1796.
180	*	William Wyat,	*April* 29.
181	†	John Edwards, jun.	do.
182	*	Daniel Hathorne,	do.
183	*	Oliver Webb,	do.
184		Daniel Sage,	*May* 26.
185		Benjamin Dean,	*June* 30.
186		George Chapman,	do.
187		Jesse Smith,	*July* 28.
188		Samuel Endicott,	do.
189		Benjamin Webb, jun.	do.
190	†	Penn Townsend, jun.	*August* 25.
191		Jonathan Shillaber,	do.
192		John Norris, Esq.	do.
193		Samuel Page,	*December* 27.
194		Robert Leach,	do.
195		Thomas Putnam,	*March* 28.
196		Jeduthun Upton,	*October* 27.
197		Jacob Crowninshield,	*Novemb.* 24.
198	†	Dudley Porter,	*December* 29.
199		Moses Endicott,	*February* 23, 1797.
200	*	Jacob Very,	do.
201	*	Joseph Osgood, jun.	*May* 30.
202		William Richardson,	do.
203	*	David Patten,	do.
204		John Barton,	do.
205		Daniel Ropes, jun.	*July* 27.
206		Job Trask,	*August* 31.
207	*	Samuel Masury, jun.	do.
208		John Endicott,	*October* 26.
209	*	Henry Clarke,	do.
210		George Hodges,	*November* 30.

Edmund

211	Edmund Upton,	*November*, 30,	1797.
212	Enoch Swett,	*December* 28.	
213	William Godshall,	do.	
214	Stephen Phillips,	*January* 25,	1798.
215	Josiah Orne,	*March* 22.	
216	* George Ropes,	do.	
217	Benjamin Henderson,	*May* 31.	
218	John Fairfield,	do.	
219	Nathaniel Archer,	*August* 30.	
220	John Fillebrown,	do.	
221	Benjamin Lander,	do.	
222	Clifford Crowninshield,	do,	
223	Elias Grant,	*December* 27.	
224	William Lander,	*April* 25,	1800.
225	James Silver,	*August* 29.	
226	Curtis Searl,	do.	
227	Thomas Whittridge,	*October* 30.	
228	Timothy Ropes,	do.	
229	Joshua Goodale,	do.	
230	Benjamin Bickford,	do.	
231	Samuel Peters,	*December* 25.	
232	Jeremiah Putnam,	*January* 29,	1801.
233	Daniel Proctor,	*March* 24.	
234	Nathaniel Brown,	do.	
235	Jacob Sanderson,	*April* 30.	
236	William Appleton,	do.	
237	John Green,	do.	
238	Joseph Knap,	do.	
239	Samuel Archer 3d,	*May* 28.	
240	Christopher Babbidge,	do.	
241	Nehemiah Adams,	*June* 25.	
242	George Taylor,	*July* 30.	

243		John Foster,	do.
244		Samuel Cook,	do.
245	*	Daniel Rust,	do.
246		Stephen Field,	do.
247		William Silver,	do.
248		Peter Frye,	*August* 27.
249		Benjamin Watkins,	do.
250		Moses Wallis,	
251		Elijah Sanderson,	
252		Thomas Phippen,	
253		Jeremiah Putnam,	
254		William Pinder,	
255		Jonathan Beckford, jun.	
256		Stephen Low,	
257		Josiah Austin,	
258		John H. Andrews,	
259		Edmund Johnson,	
260		Nathaniel Kinsman, jun.	
261		William Ramsdell,	
262	*	Samuel G. Mackay,	
263		William Ropes,	
264	*	David Tucker,	
265		Jonathan Skerry,	
266		Jonathan H. Lovett,	
267		Hezekiah Flint,	
268		Benjamin Jacobs,	
269		Benjamin Swett,	
270		John Francis,	
271		Samuel Goodridge,	
272		William B. Parker,	
273		Isaac Killam,	
274		Benjamin Peirce,	

Solomon

275	Solomon Giddings,	
276	David Nichols,	
277	Benjamin Ropes,	*February* 28, 1805.
278	John Searl, jun.	*July* 25.
279	Richard Smith,	*May* 29, 1806.
280	Thomas West,	*June* 26.
281	Jacob Berry,	*July* 31.
282	John Peabody,	*December* 26.
283	William Haskell,	do.
284	Benjamin Babbidge,	*February* 26, 1807.
285	Samuel King,	do.
286	James Derby,	*June* 25.
287	Edward Barnard, jun.	do.
288	Henry Gray,	do.
289	Ezra Smith,	
290	William Cheever,	*Sept.* 24, 1801.
291	Joseph Winn,	do.

THE SEVERAL ACTS OF THE GENERAL COURT,

RELATING TO THE SOCIETY.

AN ACT

To incorporate JONATHAN GARDNER, *jun. and others therein named, into a Society, by the name of the* MARINE SOCIETY, *at Salem, in the County of Essex, in the Province of the Massachusetts-Bay, in New-England.*

WHEREAS a considerable number of persons, who are or have been Masters of ships or other vessels, have for several years past associated themselves in the town of Salem; and the principal end of said Society being to improve the knowledge of this coast, by the several Members, upon their arrival from sea, communicating their observations, inwards and outwards, of the variation of the needle, soundings, courses and distances, and all other remarkable things about it, in writing, to be lodged with the Society, for the making the navigation more safe; and also to relieve one another and their families in poverty or other adverse accidents of life, which they

are more particularly liable to; and have for this end raised a considerable common stock; and the said persons, associated as aforesaid, finding themselves under difficulties and discouragements in carrying on the said designs without an incorporation; and *Jonathan Gardner*, jun. and others of them, having petitioned the Great and General Court of this Province in their present session, to be incorporated for the purposes aforesaid; and their intention appearing laudable and deserving encouragement:

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council, and House of Representatives, That, *Jonathan Gardner, jun. John Ropes, Samuel Webb, William Lilly, Amos Mansfield, Michael Driver, Israel Obear, Edmund Needham, Robert Hale Ives, Larkin Dodge, William Bartlett, Joseph Lambert, Benjamin West, Edmund Giles, William Slewman, Samuel Williams, Josiah Batchelder, John Batten, John Elkins, George Crowninshield, Edward Gibaut, Joseph Lee, Edward Allen, Samuel Grant, Jacob Crowninshield, Josiah Orne, Ebenezer Ward, jun. Daniel Hathorne, John Derby, Cabot Gerrish, George Southward, David Masury, Nathaniel Knight, John Archer, John Berry, Habakkuk Bowditch, John Bowditch, Jonathan Webb, John Fisk, William Morgan, Robert Alcock, Jonathan Mason, Stephen Cleveland, Benjamin Warren, Thomas Fry, Jonathan Lambert, jun. Henry Higginson*, and *George Cabot*, the Members of said Society, be incorporated

incorporated and made a body politic, for the purposes aforesaid, by the name of the MARINE SOCIETY, at *Salem*, in *New England*:—And that they, their associates and successors, have perpetual succession by said name, and have a power of making by-laws for the preservation and advancement of said body, not repugnant to the laws of the government; with penalty, either of disfranchisement from said Society, or of a mulct not exceeding *twenty shillings*, or without penalties, as it shall seem most meet; and have leave likewise to make and appoint their common seal, and be liable to be sued, and enabled to sue, and make purchases, and take donations, of real and personal estate, for the purposes aforesaid, provided the rents of the real estate, together with the interest of the personal estate, shall not exceed the sum of *five hundred pounds* per annum; and to manage and dispose of said estate as shall seem fit: And said Society shall have a Master, Deputy-Master, Treasurer and Clerk, and other officers they shall think proper.

And be it therefore further enacted, That the said Marine Society shall, on the second Thursday in June next, assemble to appoint their first Master, Deputy-Master, Treasurer and Clerk, and other Officers as they shall think proper, and their seal, and make by-laws: and said Officers shall continue until the last Thursday in October next, on which day the said Marine Society shall meet

meet annually; afterwards, on the said last Thursday of October annually, at Salem aforesaid, to choose a Master, Deputy-Master, Treasurer and Clerk, and other officers as they shall think proper; and for the admission of new Members, which shall be done by a major vote of the Members present at such annual meeting; and to make, alter and annul their by-laws; and if, by reason of any emergency, the business of said annual assembly cannot be completed on said day, they may adjourn once to a short day to finish it, and no more; and said Society shall meet at Salem, on the last Thursday of every month for all other business; and whenever any of the Officers of said Society shall die, or be disabled, or remove out of the government, others shall be appointed or elected in their room, at the next monthly meeting; and all instruments which said Society shall lawfully make, shall, when in the name of said Society, and pursuant to the votes thereof, and signed and delivered by the Master, and sealed with their common seal, bind said Society, and be valid in law.

[PASSED IN 1771.]

AN ACT

AN ACT

In addition to an Act, entitled, "An Act to incorporate JONATHAN GARDNER, jun. *and others therein named, into a Society by the name of the* MARINE SOCIETY, *at Salem, in the County of Essex, in the Province of the Massachusetts-Bay, in New-England."*

WHEREAS, in and by an Act, entitled, "An Act to incorporate JONATHAN GARDNER, jun. and others therein named, into a Society, by the name of the MARINE SOCIETY, at Salem, in the County of Essex, in the the Province of Massachusetts-Bay, in New-England," it is among other things enacted, "That the said Society shall have an annual meeting on the last Thursday of October, to choose such officers as they shall think proper—for the admission of new members, by a majority of the votes of the members then present—and to make, alter and annul their by-laws; and likewise that the said Society shall meet at the said Salem, on the last Thursday of every other month, for conducting all other business:" And whereas the said Society have represented to this Court, that the beneficial purposes of the institution thereof will be as effectually accomplished by having their meetings less frequent, and the admission of new members conducted in another manner, than is described in said act:

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That from and after

ter the passing of this act, there shall be four quarterly meetings of the said Society, viz. On the last Thursday of October, on the last Thursday of January, on the last Thursday of April, and on the last Thursday of July, annually; and at either of the said meetings they are hereby authorized to perform all and every business they were empowered to perform at their annual meeting on the last Thursday of October, by the before recited act, excepting that no person proposed to be a member of the said Society, shall be admitted at either of those meetings, unless there be three-fourths of the votes of the members present at such meeting for his admission.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That whenever any six members of the said Society shall, in writing, directed to the Master of the said Society, request a meeting may be called, other than the quarterly meetings before mentioned, the said Master, on such application, shall call a meeting of the said Society, and direct the Clerk to notify the members thereof accordingly; at which meetings the said Society are hereby empowered to do and perform every matter they have hitherto been empowered to do and perform at their monthly meetings before the passing of this act.

And be it further enacted, That all the clauses contained in the before-recited act, so far as they relate to the matters contained in this act, be, and they are hereby, repealed.

[PASSED MARCH 9, 1784.]

AN ACT

For repealing an Act, made and passed in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty-four, entitled, "An Act, in addition to an Act, for incorporating JONATHAN GARDNER, *jun. and others therein named, into a Society, by the name of the* MARINE SOCIETY, *at Salem, in the County of Essex, in the Province of the Massachusetts-Bay, in New-England;" and also for altering said Act of Incorporation.*

WHEREAS, by the representation of the said MARINE SOCIETY, it appears that the effects resulting from said Act, made and passed in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty-four, are not such as were expected, and that the benevolent views in instituting said Society will be greatly promoted, should the said Act be repealed, and some alterations be made in the said Act of Incorporation:

Be it therefore enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That the said Act, made and passed in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty-four, entitled, "An Act, in addition to an Act, for incorporating JONATHAN GARDNER, jun. and others therein named, into a Society, by the name of the MARINE SOCIETY, at Salem, in the County

County of Essex, in the Province of the Massachusetts-Bay, in New-England," be, and the same is hereby, repealed.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the said MARINE SOCIETY may, and shall, have as full power and authority at each of the monthly meetings of said Society, for the purpose of electing and admitting members, as they have by said Act of Incorporation at their annual meeting of the last Thursday of October: *Provided,* That no person shall be elected and admitted as a member thereof at any other meeting of said MARINE SOCIETY than the said annual meeting on the last Thursday of October, unless two thirds of the members present at such meeting vote, and be in favour of such admission.

[PASSED FEBRUARY 8, 1790.]